

Steckel to chair national Medicaid directors' association

Alabama Medicaid Commissioner Carol H. Steckel has been elected chair of the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors. As chair, Commissioner Steckel will represent the association before the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in testimony before Congress, and in discussions with other related organizations.

The association consists of representatives of state Medicaid agencies, including the District of Columbia and the territories. The association serves as a focal point of communication between the states and the federal government, and provides an information network among the states on Medicaid issues such as targeted case management, program integrity and health care reform.

"It is outstanding for Alabama's Medicaid commissioner to be selected to represent all Medicaid commissioners in dealings with Congress and federal agencies," said Governor Riley. "This is a critical time for state Medicaid programs across the country, and it says something very positive about our Medicaid program that Commissioner Steckel was chosen for this honor."



Steckel has served as Alabama's Medicaid commissioner since her appointment by Governor Riley in 2003. She has a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Birmingham-Southern College.

Additionally, Commissioner Steckel will serve on the American Public Human Services Association's Board of Directors and as vice-chair of the Health Care Committee of the APHSA National Council of State Human Service Administrators.